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BUBONIC PLAGUE IN MAURITIUS.

Telegrams from the governor of Mauritius state that during the week ended September 24, 1903, there were 47 cases of bubonic plague in the island, 39 fatal; and 19 cases, 54 deaths, during the week ended October 8.

JAPAN.

Reports from Yokohama—Plague persists.

Assistant Surgeon Moore reports October 9 as follows: Week ended October 3, 1903. Two vessels, having an aggregate personnel of 107

crew and 151 passengers, were inspected.

For the above period infectious diseases were reported in Yokohama as follows: Enteric fever, 10 cases, 2 deaths; diphtheria, 2 cases, no deaths; diphtheria (doubtful), 1 case, 1 death; plague, 3 cases, no deaths; dysentery, 16 cases, 4 deaths. Two additional cases of pest have been reported in the press since October 3, but no new infected foci have developed.

Week ended October 10, 1903. Eight vessels, having an aggregate personnel of 726 crew and 1,117 passengers, were inspected, 231 steerage passengers were bathed, and 327 pieces of baggage were disinfected.

The official report of infectious diseases in Yokohama for the above period includes the following: Cholera, 1 case, 1 death; enteric fever, 10 cases, 3 deaths; diphtheria, 2 cases, 1 death; plague, 1 case, 0 deaths; doubtful plague, 1 case, 1 death; dysentery, 3 cases, 0 deaths.

The above-noted case of cholera is the first reported in this city during the present year. The patient resided in an outlying district of the city quite remote from the center of shipping activity. It is not believed probable that the case is other than a sporadic one. Cholera cases have been reported from a number of localities in Japan during the present season, but nowhere has the disease assumed anything like an epidemic character.

Plague seems to remain a fixture in Yokohama. No new foci of infection have, however, recently developed.

Would-be passengers recommended for rejection.

On steamship Coptic, for Honolulu	62
On steamship Tosa Maru, for Seattle	5
On steamship America Maru, for San Francisco	15
On steamship America Maru, for Honolulu	67

MEXICO.

Report from Progreso.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Harrison reports as follows: Week ended October 31, 1903. Present officially estimated population, about 8,000. Number of deaths during the week, 3. Prevailing diseases, none. One case of yellow fever reported last week still in the lazaretto, but convalescing. The three deaths were from meningitis, swamp fever, and gastro-enteritis. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good. Merida still infected with yellow fever, there being 10 to 15 cases in lazaretto, and 2 or 3 deaths during week from the fever.